



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Friday, July 8, 2016

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Advocacy, Coordination and Collaboration, Outreach and Awareness

■ ***Meeting with Glenn Fueston, new Executive Director of GOCCP and coordination with GOCCP staff on FVPSA/DOMV grants***

Michaele Cohen, Amy Johnson, and Erin Boguski met with Glenn Fueston and Kim Herndon on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 to discuss ways that GOCCP and MNADV can work together. GOCCP priorities and issues as well as MNADV expertise, particularly regarding training and technical assistance, lethality assessment, program standards, strategic planning, data and outcomes, grants, and service provider needs, were discussed.

Michaele Cohen and Erin Boguski reviewed all of the FY 2017 FVPSA/DOMV grants, submitted the evaluations as well as comments and recommendations, and held a conference call with GOCCP staff Lashonde Beasley and Laurie Rajala to discuss these. MNADV subsequently sent additional requested information to GOCCP for their consideration.

■ ***State Board of Victim Services***

Michaele Cohen attended a meeting of the State Board of Victim Services, which hasn't met since last fall, on Wednesday, July 6. Discussion items included: presentation by Glenn Fueston, the new GOCCP executive director; the recent victim services conference; MVOC and VOCA grants; the SAMS needs assessment report; State Board committees; VINE; the GOCCP compliance initiative; and the Board Retreat.

■ ***Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence***

Michaele Cohen attended the Health Care Coalition Board of Directors' meeting on Thursday, July 7, 2016. The meeting included planning for future seminars and trainings, discussion of grant applications, and other updates.

■ ***Interfaith Domestic Violence Coalition (IDVC)***

Erin Boguski attended the June meeting of the IDVC Steering Committee and is providing technical assistance on the development of their October conference.

■ ***Culturally Specific Service Provider Round Table***

A call was held on June 29 to plan the remaining cultural competency training series and capacity building day. The next call will be held in August or September. The next training is scheduled for September 13 on serving Hispanic and Latin@ survivors of DV. Workshops on serving African immigrant survivors (November) and serving d/Deaf survivors (January) are being planned.

■ ***Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW)***

Michaele Cohen, president of MLAW, led the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors on June 27, 2016. The Board discussed the new 2016-2017 Board of Directors, membership efforts for 2016-2017, outreach activities, and the 2016 fall conference. The MLAW Legislative

Agenda supports a variety of issues affecting women and families, including domestic violence and sexual assault.

■ ***United State of Women Summit***

Tiffany Garner and Amber Guthrie represented the MNADV at the United State of Women Summit in Washington DC on June 14 and 15, which featured presentations from President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, First Lady Michelle Obama and Oprah Winfrey as well as celebrities and experts, panels and breakout sessions.

■ ***National Catholic Symposium on Domestic Violence***

The MNADV was extended a special invitation to attend this two-day event in Washington DC on July 7 and 8. Tara Pavao and Megan Rosenfeld will represent the MNADV.

■ ***Prince George's County Family Justice Center Opening***

Michaele Cohen and Tiffany Garner represented the MNADV at the opening ceremony for the Prince George's County Family Justice Center on June 9, which was also attended by several MNADV Board members and partners. Many of these groups will provide services at the new FJC. Former MNADV Board member Denise McCain has been selected as the FJC's new executive director.

■ ***Communications and Social Networking***

- **Social Media:** From June 1 through June 29, 2016, 7 messages were posted and tweeted on social media, reaching 3,193 Facebook users alone. This included information on the conference, link between domestic violence and the Orlando shooting, and the SCOTUS opinion on abusers' access to firearms.
- **E-newsletter:** A monthly e-newsletter was sent on June 21, 2016, which featured the Lethality Assessment Program's body-worn camera document and webinar and follow-up on the conference. It was opened by 467 email users.

MNADV Board of Directors

■ ***Board of Directors***

■ ***Membership/Nominating Committee***

The Committee held a conference call on June 27, 2016. Laurie Duker, Lauren Shaivitz, Shirley Schreffler, and Michaele Cohen participated on the call. The group identified categories of people whose knowledge and skills would benefit the Board. A particular area of interest is representatives of underserved populations. The group also reviewed some of the recommended individuals. Michaele Cohen was asked to follow up with these people to determine their interest in the Board.

■ ***Legislative Conference Call***

Laurie Duker, Tovah Kasdin, Inga James, and Michaele Cohen discussed the Board role in MNADV legislative advocacy. It was proposed that the Board discuss the legislative vision, the proposed timeline developed by Tovah, structure and process (including action steps), survey categories, and, if there is time, guidelines for Board members when representing both the MNADV and their own program. Documents for Board review will be sent out before the July meeting. Other suggestions including receiving information about bills that did not pass or were no longer being promoted.

■ ***MNADV Domestic Violence Service Standards Task Force***

- The Task Force held a call on June 8, 2016 to draft Crisis Intervention standards, which is the last section of the standards. The draft will be re-formatted and sent out for comment.

Training and Technical Assistance for Service Providers

■ **Shelter Directors' Group**

The Shelter Directors' Group will meet on July 22, 2016 to discuss rapid re-housing and transitional housing with Ashley Slye, NNEDV's Transitional Housing Specialist. The group will have an open forum meeting in September to discuss recent challenges and successes.

■ **Domestic Violence Trainings**

Completed Trainings

- June 14, 2016 – *Active Listening* (for Lifestyles staff)
- June 15, 2016 – Day 1 of five day *Comprehensive IPV Training* at Laurel Hospital
- June 17, 2016 – *Responding to the Impact of DV on Youth* for Cecil County DVRCC
- June 20, 2016 – *We Can Make a Difference: Strategies to Promote Resiliency in Children Exposed to DV - Mid-Shore* (for everyone)
- June 23, 2016 – *DV, Its Health Impact, and the Workplace* (nurses)
- June 28, 2016 – *Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Survivors* (for service providers)

Upcoming Trainings

- July 5, 2016 – *Trauma-informed Services in Shelter* for Safe Harbor, Calvert County's shelter
- July 7, 2016 – *Motivational Interviewing* (for HopeWorks staff)
- July 8, 2016 – *The Intersection of Substance Use and DV* for Cecil County DVRCC
- July 12, 2016 – *Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Advocates* (for service providers)
- July 14, 2016 – *Safety Planning* training for Baltimore County's Hotline
- July 16, 2016 – *Safety Planning* training for Baltimore County's Hotline
- July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, 2016 – five day *Comprehensive IPV Training* at Laurel Hospital (registration is full and session is underway)
- August 2, 2016 – *Stages of Change* for Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County Shelter
- August 3, 2016 – *The Intersection of Substance Use and DV* for SARC
- August 5, 2016 – *Resiliency of Children Exposed to DV* for Child Welfare Academy
- August 9, 2016 – *Creating Inclusive, Trauma-Informed Environments, Services, and Organizations* (for service providers)
- August 12, 2016 – *Stages of Change* for Family Crisis Center of PG Co. Shelter
- August 16, 2016 – *Dynamics of Domestic Violence* for Family Crisis Center of PG Co. Shelter
- August 19, 2016 – *Active Listening* for LifeStyles, Inc.
- August 23, 2016 – *Forced Marriage* (DVSPs only)
- August 25, 2016 – *Symposium on the Intersection of Substance Use and DV* (DVSPs only)
- August 26, 2016 – *Symposium Intersection of Substance Use & DV* (Substance Use Providers)
- August 30, 2016 – *Self-care* for YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County
- September 6, 2016 – *Motivational Interviewing* for HopeWorks
- September 8, 2016 – *Survivors with Disabilities* (DVSPs only)
- September 13, 2016 – *Hispanic & Latino Cultural Competency Training* in Lanham (for everyone)
- September 16, 2016 – *The Intersection of Substance Use & DV* for MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- September 21, 2016 – *The Intersection of Substance Use & DV* for Center for Abused Persons
- September 23, 2016 – *Interactive Workshop on Recovering from and Preventing Burnout, Compassion Fatigue, and Vicarious Trauma* (DVSPs only)
- September 27, 2016 – *The Intersection of Substance Use & DV* for DOVE at NW Hospital
- September 28, 2016 – *The Intersection of Substance Use & DV* for GBMC and Mercy Hospitals
- September 30, 2016 – In Plain Sight Conference - *Serving Survivors with Disabilities*

- October 4, 2016 – *Safety Planning for Survivors of DV* for Child Welfare Academy

Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)

Maryland

■ **Technical Assistance and Training**

Staff continue to provide technical assistance to participating law enforcement agencies and their partner domestic violence program.

- Staff facilitated and attended the Carroll County Regional Meeting and presented on lethality risk factors on June 9.
- Staff coordinated and facilitated a LAP meeting for Howard County LAP participants on June 23.
- MNADV's law enforcement consultant provided a domestic violence in-service training for Maryland State Police on June 28.
- Prepared for semi-annual data collection by creating county-specific spreadsheets to streamline data input and collection. Data for January – June 2016 will be collected during July.

■ **LAP in Healthcare**

- Staff held a teleconference with Union Memorial Hospital on June 20 to review the policy, discuss feedback received from security, triage, administration, etc., and next steps. The policy was reviewed by MNADV and Cecil County Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Center before being submitted to the hospital's board on June 28 for approval.
- Two train-the-trainer sessions are scheduled for July 21 (1:00-4:00) and July 29 (1:00-4:00).
- Staff met with Access Carroll, Carroll Memorial Hospital and Family and Children's Services on June 22 to discuss LAP implementation at Access Carroll. Access Carroll is a healthcare facility offering a range of health-related services from behavioral health, substance abuse, primary care, etc.
- A statewide LAP hospital coordinators meeting is scheduled for August 24.

■ **LAP in Departments**

- Six re-training sessions were completed for Prince George's County DSS, with two sessions on June 6, June 13, and June 20.
- Staff will meet with representatives from the Howard County DSS on June 23 to discuss implementation.
- A re-training session for Garrett County DSS is scheduled for August 29.
- Additional re-training sessions are being coordinated for other counties.
- A multi-topic domestic violence training for specialized DPSCS agents is scheduled for August 3.

National

■ **LAP OVW-TA Grant**

- Training is scheduled for Steamboat Springs, CO on July 13 (consultant trainer, Misty Budzinski) and Cedar Rapids, Iowa on August 8 (consultant trainer, Taness Cline).
- Staff are in the process of scheduling training for Skagit, WA and multiple sites in Wisconsin.
- In-service webinars for law enforcement agencies and domestic violence programs were held on June 15 and July 6.
- Megan Rosenfeld will co-present on the use of risk assessment tools by the police in a workshop titled "When Police Use Risk Assessments – ODARA and LAP" at the Battered Women's Justice Project (BWJP) annual conference in San Diego on July 26-July 28.

- **LAP Advisory Council**
 - The next LAP Advisory Council teleconference is scheduled for August 3.
 - A webinar on body-worn cameras and the LAP was held on June 27 for LAP participants.
- **OVW-TA Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative (HPDI)**
 - The MNADV continues to coordinate with OVW, Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center and several national consultants to manage this award.
 - Staff continue to work with two LAP implementing sites, Pitt County, NC and Contra Costa County, CA; as well as White Plains, NY.
 - Staff will attend cultural responsiveness training for Pitt County, NC on August 15-19.
 - Staff coordinated and will attend Danger Assessment training for Pitt County, NC on July 12. Danger Assessment training is scheduled for Contra Costa County, CA on September 12.
 - A kick-off and regularly scheduled calls are being scheduled with Miami, FL and Winnebago, IL (the two new LAP sites).
- **LAP in EMS**
 - Staff are working with EMS and domestic violence programs in Alameda County, CA to provide fee-based LAP training and technical assistance. Interviews and a policymakers teleconference will be held in July, and a training date will be scheduled for mid-September.

- **Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT) Project**
 - The MNADV continues to provide on-going technical assistance to the eighteen county-based teams.
 - The annual Domestic Violence Fatality Review Council meeting will be held on August 11.
- **Domestic Violence Homicide Database**
Staff continues to collect homicide information for July 2015 – June 2016.
- **LAP Website**
Staff are in the process of working with the designer to develop a LAP website.
- **Judicial Initiative Exploratory Committee**
An application for the Byrne Criminal Justice (BJA) Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs solicitation was submitted on June 13. If awarded funding, this project would fund the development, implementation and evaluation of a pre-trial risk assessment tool and protocol for offenders. Dr. Messing, Dr. Campbell and GOCCP signed on as partners.

Administration

- **Grant Applications**
 - The BJA application was submitted on June 13.
 - Staff has outlined a plan for a large VOCA training grant.
- **Staffing**
 - The MNADV hired a new LAP Specialist – Jane Lee.
 - The MNADV is scheduling interviews for a new LAP Manager. There are currently five applicants being considered.
 - The position of part-time Communications Specialist has been posted.

- ***2016 MNADV Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner***
 - Staff is planning for the 2016 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner.
 - A draft budget has been developed with estimated revenue and expenses. Sponsorships will again be solicited to cover the event costs in addition to the ticket sales.
 - Potential dates were sent out to the e-mail lists to ensure that conflicts with other domestic violence events were avoided.
 - Two venues were considered. The DoubleTree Annapolis Hotel was selected and the date will be Wednesday, October 26, 2016.
 - The request for nominations for awardees and honorees has been drafted and is being finalized. Volunteers will be solicited from the Board for the selection committee.
 - The theme is “Connections,” with reference to interconnected services, support systems, and networking.
 - A keynoter will be solicited after the location and date are confirmed.

- ***Budget/Financial Oversight/Fundraising***
 - MNADV staff continue to monitor the FY 2016 budget as the fiscal year draws to a close. Annual grants will be closed out by September 30, 2016. The new fiscal year begins October 1 and the FY 2017 budget has been developed in conjunction with the grant applications. The Board will approve the FY 2017 budget at the October Board meeting.
 - The MNADV is coordinating with the organizers of the Exelon golf tournament, which will be held on July 18 at the Hayfields Country Club in Cockeysville. The event is sold out, and the MNADV will be receiving the proceeds from this charity event.
 - The MNADV gratefully received the \$3,000 proceeds from the MSA 7KRun/1 Mile Walk.